

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 AND
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
U.S. Application No. 09/401,293
Attorney Docket No. Q55778

REMARKS

Claims 30-39 are pending in the application. Claims 30, 32, 33 and 35-39 have been amended. The rejections are respectfully submitted to be obviated in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

Further to a telephone interview with Examiner Anderson on November 2, 2004, an agreement was reached with the Examiner as to what specific amendments were necessary with respect to claims 30, 32, 33, 35 and 37-39, to place these claims in a condition for immediate allowance. The claims, as amended, further clarify that the “rewriting processing is performed in accordance a rewriting program stored in the flash memory.” The features as recited in claims 30-39 are not anticipated by Komatsu et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,802,551; hereinafter “Komatsu”), nor are they taught or suggested by Komatsu in view of Sukegawa et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,603,001; “Sukegawa”). Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Additionally, claims 36 and 39 have also been editorially amended to correct typographical mistakes.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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